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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--February 1985

I. GENERAL

The Bahrain Telecommunications Company announced on 27 February that, owing to massive profits in 1984, rental charges for telephones and telexes will be cut by approximately 25 percent effective 1 April 1985. Charges for phone calls on Fridays will also be half priced effective 5 April. This development will have a positive impact on the bureau's communications budget and on the pocketbooks of individual staffers.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The bureau's reception of Tehran Television Service in Persian, which became monitorable again in late January, proved fruitful on 4 February when the bureau monitored and videotaped a 33-minute recorded speech by Ayatollah Khomeyni marking the "10 Days of Dawn" ceremonies. The videotape elicited great interest and, at the request of MOD, special arrangements were made to dispatch the videotape immediately to Washington via commercial courier.

2. Baghdad Television Service in Persian became monitorable on 21 February for the first time since October 1984. Video and audio reception were good. The Arabic service also was received for the first time since April 1984 with fair video and good audio reception.

3. The Gulf tanker war registered one of its biggest losses in February when the Liberian-registered tanker "Neptunia" carrying 60,000 tons of aviation fuel was hit by Iraqi jets off Bushehr and sank several days later. Two other ships were confirmed hit by Iraqi jets during the month. On its part, Iran is believed responsible for three air attacks on Gulf shipping, one occurring just 60 km north of Abu Dhabi.

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B. Communications

1. The local Naval Administrative Unit (ASU) received permission this month for a line between the ASU and the Embassy. This line, which was initially proposed by FBIS Gulf Bureau, will enable the bureau to send and receive material to and from the ASU via the Embassy in the event of long outages on our primary circuit. At the moment, material has to be handcarried to and from the ASU. Timing for completion of the project depends on when [] completes its upgrade to receive ASU traffic.

2. The staffing situation in the bureau teletype section was improved somewhat with the return of one teletypist from maternity leave on 10 February, allowing the departure of London Bureau TDY teletypist [] on 7 February. The section is still down two teletypists, one on extended maternity leave and the other on sick leave, but can handle the workload with help from the bureau's administrative assistant.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Persian monitor [] EOD'd on 3 February and part-time Persian monitor [] was converted to full-time FBN status on the same day.

2. London Bureau teletypist [] departed 7 February after a 1-month working TDY.

B. Visits

1. [] a fire protection officer from the State Department's Office of Foreign Buildings, paid a courtesy call at the bureau on 23 February to advise on removal of fire hazards.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT -- GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

Equipment Received : 2 IBM Personal Computer Systems.

Equipment Transferred : None

Projects : Construction of two desks for use
with the personal computers.
Ongoing switchgear installation.
Installation of replacement landline
interfaces.

GULF BUREAU : ADDUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 253,548

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 80,430

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 671

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	15,025	8,280	230.5
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

IN ARABIC

-0-

KABUL IN ENGLISH TO

SOUTH ASIA

150

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

500

MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE

IN ARABIC

340

MANAMA WAKH IN

ARABIC

13,790

MANAMA WAKH IN

ENGLISH

10,560

MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ

IN ARABIC

2,240

MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN

ARABIC

-0-

MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF

IN ARABIC

510

MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'

IN ARABIC

360

MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS

IN ENGLISH

3,750

MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN

ENGLISH

250

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN DARI	760
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN PASHTO	430
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	270
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN SURANI KURDISH	190
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	1,200
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO NEJAT-E IRAN IN PERSIAN	2,020
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN PERSIAN	2,730
(CLANDESTINE) FREE SONS OF YEMENI SOUTH IN ARABIC	670

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	8,720
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	380
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TURKISH	-0-
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN DARI	-0-
ISFAHAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	270
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	11,150
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	100
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	560
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	350
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,110
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	3,960

TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	670	
IN PERSIAN		
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	-0-	
IN PERSIAN		
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	930	
IN PERSIAN		
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	1,080	
IN ARMENIAN		
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	320	
IN AZERI		
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	-0-	
IN PERSIAN		
TEHRAN IRNA IN		
ARABIC	-0-	
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID		
IN ARABIC		-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI		
IN ARABIC		-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL		
IN ENGLISH		630
TEHRAN TEHRAN TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		-0-
TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN		
PERSIAN		3,370
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI		
IN PERSIAN		1,630
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN		
PERSIAN		490
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I		
IN PERSIAN		1,050

IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	1,610
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	3,250
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-

KUWAIT

KUWAIT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-ANBA'	
IN ARABIC	4,520
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN	
ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS	
IN ARABIC	2,970
KUWAIT AL-RAYY AL-'AMM	
IN ARABIC	1,130
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN	
ARABIC	1,720

KUWAIT AL-WATAN			4
IN ARABIC		1.750	
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN			
ENGLISH		5.320	
LEBANON			

BEIRUT AZTAG IN			
ARMENIAN		6.050	
BEIRUT ZARTONK IN			
ARMENIAN		2.020	
OMAN			

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	4.600		
MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	450		
MUSCAT OMAN IN			
ARABIC		420	
PAKISTAN			

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM			
IN ENGLISH		550	
KARACHI DAWN IN			
ENGLISH		8.480	
KARACHI JASARAT IN			
URDU		2.690	
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN			
URDU		1.730	
KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT			
IN URDU		2.730	
LAHORE JANG IN			
URDU		2.160	
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN			
URDU		-0-	
RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES			
IN ENGLISH		3.380	
QATAR			

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	1.470		
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	-0-		
DOHA QNA IN			
ARABIC		4.500	
SAUDI ARABIA			

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	2.010		
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	3.880		
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	1.350		

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RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ENGLISH	-0-	
AL-DAMHAM AL-YAMM IN		
ARABIC		-0-
JEDDAH AL-BILAD IN		
ARABIC		-0-
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN		
ARABIC		980

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS -----

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO		
IRAN	550	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN AZERI	3,050	
DUSHANDE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
ISHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
ISHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UIGHUR	-0-	
ISHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UZBEK	1,120	
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN ARMENIAN	-0-	
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	320	
ASHKHAHJAH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	960	
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN AZERI	6,310	
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
DUSHANDE DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	990	
ISHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	430	
ISHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN UZBEK	6,740	
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARMENIAN	260	
YEREVAN COMMUNIST		
IN RUSSIAN		16,930
YEREVAN SOVETAKAN AYASTAN		
IN ARMENIAN		11,560

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN ARABIC

1,490

DUBAI DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN ARABIC

-0-

ABU DHABI WAR

IN ARABIC

3,170

ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD

IN ARABIC

430

AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ

IN ARABIC

630

DUBAI AL-BAYAN

IN ARABIC

2,420

DUBAI KHALEEJ TIMES

IN ENGLISH

2,930

UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON ASGHAR AQA

IN PERSIAN

-0-

LONDON KEYHAN IN

PERSIAN

2,490

LONDON VOICE OF IRAN

IN ENGLISH

-0-

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF YEMEN (PDY)

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IC

ARABIC

28,780

ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE

IN ARABIC

450

ADEN ANA IN

ARABIC

660

ADEN ANA IN

ENGLISH

-0-

YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)

SANA'A DOMESTIC SERVICE

IN ARABIC

10,980

SANA'A VOICE OF PALESTINE

IN ARABIC

-0-

SANA'A AL-TAWAKKAL

IN ARABIC

600